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SUBJ: SOVIET POLISH COOPERATION IN KATOWICE STEEL PROJECT

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1. BRIEF ARTICLE IN PRAVDA 15 NOVEMBER STATES THAT AT MEETING NOVEMBER 14 BETWEEN GOSPLAN DIRECTOR BAYBAKOV AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS KAIM "TALKS WERE CONTINUED ON FURTHER DEEPENING OF ECONOMIC

COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES AND ON THE RENDERING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE SOVIET UNION (OB IKAZANII TEKNICHESKOGO SODEYSTVIAY SOVETSKIM SOYUZOM) TO THE POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "KATOWICE" METALLURGICAL PLANT. ON THE SAME DAY A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED FOR THE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PLANT."

2. ELSEWHERE IN SOVIET PRESS OVER PERIOD NOVEMBER 14-16 THERE WERE NUMBER OF PRESS REPORTS GIVING FAIRLY FULL COVERAGE TO VISIT OF KAIM DELEGATION. ARTICLE IN PRAVDA NOV 13 NOTES DELEGATION MET ON ARRIVAL AT SHEREMETIEVO
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AIRPORT BY PRESTIGIOUS SOVIET GROUP WHICH INCLUDED GOSPLAN

DIRECTOR BAYBAKOV, MINISTER OF MACHINE CONSTRUCTION
FOR HEAVY, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT INDUSTRIES V. F. ZHIGALIN,
AND CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC
RELATIONS S. A. SKACHKOV.

3. ON BALANCE, WE PRESUME THAT DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT
REFERRED TO WAS PROBABLY A STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL
TRANSACTION. HOWEVER, KAIM MEETINGS WITH BAYBAKOV, SKHACKOV
AND OTHERS, AND REFERENCE TO "RENDERING OF SOVIET TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE" INDICATE SOVIET AID IN AREA OF DESIGN AND
TECHNOLOGY.

4. WE WILL ATTEMPT DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON FINANCING
OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE THROUGH CONTACTS WITH POLISH EMBASSY
MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH OUR SUCCESS MAY BE LIMITED.
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